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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Anaheim – 85 Arrested, Weapons Seized in Gang Takedown

(U) The Orange County Sheriff's Department and the California Department of Justice announced the arrest of 85 gang members, seized 36 firearms, 14 pounds of Methamphetamine, 3 pounds of heroin, and 2 stolen weapons, also credit card readers and counterfeit money. In total 37 search warrants were served during the investigation into the Mexican Mafia prison gang and the Sureños street gang. The 85 defendants arrested represent a "very small percentage" of local gang members, but their incarceration will "significantly" affect the Mexican Mafia's trade locally, according to Orange County Sheriff's Department. Most of the suspects are members of a local gang that operate under the umbrella of the Mexican Mafia, which has a few hundred actual members in the Southland, authorities said.

SOURCE: 2 May 2018, [NBC Los Angeles](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) California – Four Suspected Cocaine Smugglers Detained, ½ ton of Drugs Confiscated

(U) Los Angeles – The Joint Interagency Task Force-South, involving the US Navy, US Coast Guard, and Colombian Navy, intercepted a suspected drug-smuggling boat in early April in the international waters of the Eastern Pacific Ocean. Four suspected smugglers were rescued from a custom-made, high-speed motorboat, which burst into flames following a high-speed chase by the Cyclone-class coastal patrol ship USS Zephyr, Colombian Naval vessel, the ARC 07 de Agosto, while a US Coast Guard air and marine operations P-3 aircraft flew overhead. Naval personnel boarded the craft after extinguishing the fire and discovered 1,080 pounds of cocaine hidden in the hull.

SOURCE: 02 May 2018, [Compton Herald](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Indiana – Large-Scale Drug Bust Dismantles Local Drug-Trafficking Organization

(U) Kokomo – Representatives with the US Drug Enforcement Agency, the US Attorney's Office and the Kokomo Police Department yesterday, announced a large narcotic bust. Authorities carried out the bust on the morning of 1 May; 130 agents, troopers, deputies and officers served warrants at 13 locations. The warrants were carried out in Kokomo, Indiana, and Macon, Georgia. The warrants resulted in the confiscation of more than 17 pounds of methamphetamine, 2 pounds of cocaine, 2 ounces of heroin, 122 grams of fentanyl and 6 ounces of marijuana. Twelve vehicles, \$37,000 and 24 firearms were also confiscated. 15 people face preliminary federal charges in connection to the drug-trafficking organization, which was bringing large quantities of narcotics into Kokomo.

SOURCE: 02 May 2018, [WISH-TV 8](#)

(U) Tennessee – Local Election Results Possibly Victim of Cyberattack

(U) Knoxville – Officials are investigating a cyberattack that crashed the website displaying Knox County election results on the night of 1 May. Additionally, Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett yesterday, said he has called for a cyber-security contractor to look into the server crash that shut down the county's

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website just as polls closed on election night, according to a news release. Knox County officials have said the distributed-denial-of-service attack, which is an attempt to overload a server's capacity with high internet traffic, did not affect the election's results. Votes were counted and tabulated on computers that were never connected to the internet so they were not vulnerable to attack.

SOURCE: 2 May 2018, [Knox News](#)

(U) Texas – Texas Teen Arrested in ISIS Inspired Plot to Commit Mass Shooting

(U) Plano – Matin Azizi-Yarand, 17, a Plano West Senior High School student, was arrested on suspicion of making an Islamic State of Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS)-inspired plan to commit a mass shooting at Frisco's Stonebriar Centre mall with help from others, authorities announced yesterday. Azizi-Yarand, faces charges of making a terroristic threat and criminal solicitation of capital murder of a Texas peace officer. He was taken into custody at school on 01 May and transferred yesterday to the Collin County Detention Center, where he is being held in lieu of \$3 million bail. If convicted, he faces up to life in prison.

SOURCE: 2 May 2018, [Dallas News](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL**(U) Germany – German Authorities Arrest Suspected Member of ISIS**

(U) Berlin – German authorities say they have arrested a 25-year-old Syrian man on suspicion of being a member of the Islamic State of Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS). Federal prosecutors say Faisal A.H., whose full name was withheld on privacy grounds, was detained yesterday in the southwestern city of Tuebingen. The man is suspected of joining a militia in 2013 that fought against the Syrian government, according to German authorities. Later that year the militia merged with ISIS. Prosecutors said A.H. was initially considered to be a government collaborator by ISIS, but after undergoing religious "re-education" and swearing allegiance to the group he was made to spy on people in the town of Tabqa and help clear homes seized by ISIS. He allegedly left Syria for Germany at the end of 2014.

SOURCE: 3 May 2018, [Associated Press](#)

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